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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

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SUBJ: 32 DETAINEES INDICTED FOR CONSPIRACY

1. THIRTY-TWO OF 177 PERSONS BEING DETAINED ON SUSPICION OF INVOLVEMENT IN JANUARY, 1974 COUP ATTEMPT APPEARED BEFORE CHIEF JUSTICE J.T. MAPETLA OCT 9 AND WERE INDICTED FOR CONSPIRACY TO OVERTHROW GOVERNMENT BY FORCE AND VIOLATION OF INTERNAL SECURITY ACT. NO EVIDENCE INTRODUCED AND ACCUSED REMANDED TO CUSTODY UNTIL NOV 12 WHEN THEY WILL ENTER THEIR PLEAS.

2. ONLY PERSON NAMED AMONG THOSE INDICTED IS SHAKHANE MOKHEHLE, MOST PROMINENT OF DETAINEES AND BROTHER OF NTSU MOKHEHLE, LEADER-IN-EXILE OF OPPOSITION BASUTOLAND CONGRESS PARTY. TWENTY-ONE OF ACCUSED REPRESENTED BY BASOTHO LAWYERS MICHAEL RAMOLIBELI AND S. MOOROSI. REMAINING 11 ARE WITHOUT COUNSEL AND WERE INSTRUCTED BY JUSTICE MAPETLA TO PREPARE THEIR DEFENSE TO AVOID FURTHER REQUESTS FOR ADJOURNMENT AFTER TRIAL STARTS NOV 12.

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3. INDICTMENT OF 32 DETAINEES IS FIRST OSTENSIBLE
INDICATION OF GOL PROGRESS IN DISPOSING OF CASES
AGAINST THOSE ARRESTED IN WAKE OF JANUARY DISTURBANCES.
WHERE CASES AGAINST 145 OTHER DETAINEES STAND STILL IN
QUESTION.
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